



The Vision of Parti Équilibre

Gathers three fundamental factors:

1

l'Être The human being, which is the main reason for this.

2

l'Économie, The Economy, which reflects efficiency and effective resource

3

l'Environnement, The Environment which affects the quality of life of today and tomorrow

This first leaflet presents some of the commitments. These commitments are concrete.

Several of the 27 proposed commitments will receive unanimous support. Some other topics will give rise to different opinions. It is predictable; the purpose is to open the discussion.

Your comments will improve the proposed commitments. The newly elected Mayor and Councilors will be your representatives to reflect your views and to support the "improved" commitments proposed in this pamphlet.



The year 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of Expo 67. The theme of Expo 67 was universal and timeless:

TERRE^{des}
HOMMES

This theme is a collective awareness that we are, each of us, a living human being among other human beings, and also that our planet must be protected.

Inspired by Terre des Hommes, I propose to you my Vision of living in Saint-Bruno.

I reveal a collective theme:

SAINT-BRUNO, MONT BONHEUR VERT !

" MY GREEN WEALTH "

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The proposals in the pamphlet represent a more balanced management of the services you should receive. And for which you pay! You must "get what you pay for". All of these commitments will encourage discussions between candidates and citizens during the election period. Obviously, there will be divergent points of view. It is essential to maintain a calm and constructive debate.

The commitments are presented to you in three important levels: **1- Major**; **2- Very important**; **3- Important**.

1 Saint-Bruno, Mont Bonheur Vert!

We all chose Saint-Bruno for its Nature. We are privileged to live there. "Saint-Bruno, Mont Bonheur Vert" will become the "Identification Brand" of our City.

2 Super Clinic and Health

It will be a PRIORITY in November. We will make the required demands to the authorities concerned so that Saint-Bruno gets its own Super clinic.

3 Consultative Referendum

We will put in place a permanent system of true democracy. Each voter will have his or her confidential "right of vote". Each will have a "username" and an "access code". You will make your choices in important projects. Your votes will guide the elected representatives in their decision-making. It will be a decentralized democracy.

In addition, any decision of more than \$ 1 million will have to be accepted by a majority of citizens before the elected officials formalize the decision. It will be a democracy for citizens. Such a system would have allowed you to be consulted, to express yourself and to decide before the current mayor "decides with his party vote" for projects that he has negotiated in closed doors, such as the Skyspa file, or the file of roundabouts.

4 Become a Neighborhood Representative

If you are part of these citizens who walk, cycle, jog on a street circuit, join the useful to the pleasant: become a neighborhood representative. When you see a problem in your neighborhood, you can report it; the city, better informed, will be able to remedy it more quickly. You will have direct access to a person in charge of the city. Your participation will contribute to a better quality of neighborhood life.

5 Creating a Marketing Service

The City is an organization that must remain in contact with its citizens. We will strengthen this relationship with an approach that we call "the 3 Cs"

- 1- Citizens: who participate in the community;
- 2- Contributors: "Taxpayers", who pay for municipal services;
- 3- Clients, who receive services, and also future residents.

The introduction of a Marketing Service will improve "Customer Service". An evaluation system will be put in place to "listen" to you and measure the level of satisfaction of the "3 C", the Citizen-Taxpayer-Client.

6 Neighborhood By-Laws and Regulations

Democracy will be decentralized in your neighborhood. More flexible draft regulations, decided by a clear majority of citizens, could be applied in their neighborhood. Examples:

- 1- citizens want to limit the speed to 30 km on their street;
- 2- Citizens want to prohibit the use of lawn mowers on Sundays; and others. To discuss it between neighbors of the Quartier, the City will put at your disposal the premises and a specialized facilitator.

7 Eliminate the Welcome Tax "taxe de bienvenue" to residents

Residents of Saint-Bruno who wish to change their ownership will be able to save on the transfer tax, known as the "welcome tax". Example: \$ 400,000 homeowners who wish to move to a \$ 350,000 condo would not have to pay a "welcome tax" because they already paid for it when they acquired their current residence.

8 Bring harmony to the outside

The current mayor has tarnished the image of Saint-Bruno by his conflicts with: The Agglomeration, the MRC of the Richelieu Valley, Carignan, the Minister of MAMOT, the Minister of the MDDELCC and the CAI. We will restore harmonious relations at regional and governmental levels.

9 Bring harmony back to the inside

I will bring back a positive atmosphere between elected representatives at the City Council. All elected officials must be respected. They must be treated fairly and involved as citizens' representatives.

10 Operation "Potholes"

Our winters are rigorous. They promote "potholes". This has been the case for decades. How do you understand that an effective solution has not been put in place? We are in October and we find, in our streets, holes from last winter. We will correct this problem which breaks our vehicles, makes the rolling uncomfortable, and sometimes unsafe. We will set up an "Effective Pothole Operation".

11 Deferral of payment of taxes

No one is immune to difficult financial periods: loss of employment, limited income at retirement, marital and other difficulties. We will offer every citizen an "insurance policy" that will allow to postpone the payment of property taxes, thus avoiding the obligation to sell their house. This protection program will be confidential. The program will be implemented as of February 2018, the period of payable property taxes.

12 Correcting the problematic roundabout "Carrefour giratoire"

The small crossroads, located at the corner of Montarville and " Rang des Vingt-Cinq ". The intersection project should not have been decided without citizen consultation. The cost of more than \$ 4.3 million is disproportionate to other more cost-effective alternatives. I am the only one elected to vote against the roundabout for these two reasons.

13 Bringing the "Builders" back to the Town Hall

Each city pays tribute to those who have served as elected officials for their community. Mosaics of their photograph are hung on the walls of their Town Hall. The current mayor has removed all the photographs of the Builders of Saint-Bruno, removing even that of Mr. Marcel Dulude, mayor for 22 years. We will bring back all the pictures of our Builders at the Town Hall.

14 Integrity and transparency

The mayor's office and meeting rooms will be equipped with a recording camera to keep records of the meetings with suppliers and applicants. Closed-door discussions will disappear like those of the current mayor in Skyspa and the annexation of Carignan.

15 Human Resources

Employees will be treated professionally. A system will provide a civil servant whistle blower with a confidential denunciation mechanism against reprehensible behavior from any elected representative or civil servant.

16 Evaluation of HR

A human resource appraisal system will be implemented. In my career, I have already created such a system to recognize and improve employees who remain the most important asset.

17 Committees: 3rd and 4th age groups

Two committees will be created to better understand the specific needs of citizens of the 3rd and 4th age groups. They will be members of these committees.

18 Snow Removal

The level of satisfaction varies with snow removal and de-icing of streets and sidewalks. We will establish a single level of superior quality for all, starting in December 2017.

19 Inventory of street conditions

The assessment of the state of all streets will be carried out in 2018. The analysis will be done at the level of the underground and surface pipelines. The diagnosis will be transmitted to each resident and resident for his or her street. A consultation evening will be held for each of the sectors.

20 Speed on multi-function tracks, bike and walking

A speed limit will be applied for any user of multifunctional tracks like the track on De Boucherville. A 10-km limit will be recommended.

21 Protection system on De Boucherville

Vehicle access to the entrances of residences on De Boucherville will be equipped with a sound and visual system to announce the movement of vehicles to the users of the perpendicular tracks.

22 Youth Breakfast

It is shown that a hungry belly harms academic concentration. We will work with the School Boards to ensure that every young person in Saint-Bruno has the chance to succeed.

23 Two Council meetings per month

We are using the City of Malartic model to plan two monthly sessions. This will increase the effectiveness and follow-up of cases. This will improve the current Council meetings in Saint-Bruno which sometimes exceed 4 hours in duration.

24 Join the Pierre Lavoie Cycling Challenge

Pierre Lavoie is at the origin of an expanding movement that promotes healthy lifestyles, exercise, education for young people, support for those affected by illness. We will register the City of Saint-Bruno as a participant in this collective effort. We will provide financial support by registering a team of Saint-Bruno citizens who will participate.

25 Respecting the Anglophone Community

The majority of Anglophones in Saint-Bruno speak and understand French. But, we recognize their right to be served in their language. All individual communications will be offered in their own language. It is a matter of respect.

26 Improved Public Market

This service is "subsidized" by the City. Two elements will be improved:

- 1- 60% of the kiosks is not from Saint-Bruno;
- 2- the permanent tradespeople of Saint-Bruno pay annual taxes; they must be treated fairly. They will be involved in the new Public Market Plan.

27 Noise and speed on Boucherville

Boulevard De Boucherville is one of the four busiest thoroughfares in Saint-Bruno. It is used as a transit route by non-residents. Speed and noise have been unresolved for too long. We will work with the residents to resolve the situation. Two initial proposals are submitted:

- 1 permanent installation of two more speed indicators, incentives to respect maximum speed;
- 2- install a stop at the intersection of De Salaberry Street, where there is a pedestrian crossing.



Fine and Major Projects

The City is lagging behind on several major issues. For four years, nothing significant has been achieved under the current outgoing mayor. These years can be summarized by: mandates to external consultants, stacked reports, consultations without listening, imaginations of the future. But nothing concrete. No Plan. Not even a Master Town Plan promised for years.

We propose to you Beautiful and Great Projects that will contribute to the Saint-Bruno of today and tomorrow. These different proposals are sent to you in each of the leaflets. We begin today with the most important: the Town Center of Saint-Bruno.

A City Downtown is the Heart and Soul of a Community

The town center of Saint-Bruno is commonly called "Le Village". It implies its historical traditions, its agricultural aspect, its site " Laiterie Caillé-Natrel ". We had known for many years that the dairy would close and the land would be sold.

I did propose two recommendations on several occasions:

- 1- Plan the use of the land considering to include a pedestrian street; the current mayor has refused.
- 2- That the City acquire the site for a strategic development of the downtown. The outgoing mayor has refused.

The inaction of the mayor has caused our downtown to look abandoned. The lack of vision of the current mayor congested the current debate. On the one hand, the new owner of the land wants to maximize the use of a possible building for retirees. On the other hand, several citizens prefer a building of limited height with more public infrastructures, such as a park.

The current debate has turned disappointing, turning only around the number of floors. The use of this land must be planned from a different and broadened perspective:

- 1- a city center with a human scale and dynamic, responding to different types of citizens of all ages;
- 2- an environmental and long-term use, having in mind that what will be built there will be for 50 years and more.

So we have to make the right decision.

I have a proposal to present to the citizens. This proposal will also be presented to the current owner of the site, COGIR. It is possible to satisfy the various parties concerned. The downtown business community must also rejoice in the project we are proposing and will be involved.

I will propose a Plan in November. The consultations will then take place. The City is in catch-up mode in this dossier. I know architects and designers who are willing to volunteer with the planners to contribute to the project.

I have been working on this for years. I am confident to rally the people around the project. I will assume leadership on this.
Our city downtown is full of future!

I sign my signature to the commitments described in this leaflet. I am at your disposal to hear your comments on the 27 commitments and on this Fine and Great Project to be realized in our town.

Democratically Yours,
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